

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

John 18:1-11

Ice Breaker: Share an evidence of God's grace you've seen or experienced this week.

Ice Breaker: Share a time in your life when, in the moment, it didn't feel like God was in control, but He was.

DISCUSSION: Arresting Jesus

1. How does Jesus display his complete, sovereign control over his arrest?
2. Three times Jesus declares, "I am he" to those seeking to arrest him. What is significant about this response in this text and in the whole book of John?
3. Why does Jesus not retaliate against this unlawful arrest but rather give himself over? Is there a situation where it would be right to pick up "the sword" in the name of Jesus? Why or why not? (1 Peter 2:13-25)?
4. What are some ways we act like Peter and think we should take a situation into our own hands when instead we should remember Jesus has complete control? What does it say about our faith when we seek to control a situation we have not control over?
5. What are evidences that show we are truly trusting God is in control?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says, "shall I not drink the cup that my Father has given me?" What is the cup he is going to drink?
7. Knowing that Jesus has taken God's wrath for our sin upon himself, how does that change the way we respond to our own sin and the sin of others?
8. What is a biblical response to the question, "who killed Jesus?" (Is. 53:10; Acts 2:22-24)

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Why can we trust God even when our circumstances seem dark and out of control?
2. What do we need to remind ourselves when we feel we are suffering unjustly?